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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Robert S. Cooper
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FROM: Director
Office of Planning, ICS

SUBJECT: Technological Initiatives in Support of Intelligence
Capabilities Review

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1. The Office of Planning, Intelligence Community Staff (OP/ICS) is in the initial phase of an impact analysis of the 1985 Intelligence Capabilities Study. We welcome your particular support in this endeavor and appreciate the opportunity to monitor your technology review activities.

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2. As you are aware, in the near term, the DCI is concerned with an effective balance between intelligence collection, processing, analysis, production, and dissemination and that each collection discipline receive the appropriate emphasis commensurate with requirements and opportunities as defined by the Intelligence Community.

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3. The OP/ICS plans to look beyond these near term concerns. We plan to extend the time frame for consideration out to 1995 and concentrate on those critical technology developments that will present operational realities in the latter part of this period. Long range requirements will be identified by a review of predicted Soviet technological developments, the resulting threat, and the associated demands placed upon US collection and analytical assets. We hope to explore specific Intelligence Community and industry technological developments that show the most promise in addressing those requirements by expanding the scope of your current efforts to encompass the extended time horizon. We would expect that the results of this review and assessment will lead to a DCI articulated investment strategy identifying specific new initiatives worthy of Community-wide support.

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4. I would appreciate your thoughts on this proposed modification to your in progress review; in particular, will the proposed extension of the time horizon help or hinder your assessments, does the parallel analysis of Soviet & US technology, including the current interest issue of technology transfer, need any specific effort or can we, in the best of all worlds, just take advantage of the efforts as planned? Please let me know if there is any way we can be of assistance in accomplishing this most important task in support of future intelligence capabilities

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